

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated May 1, 2007 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-15 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8-11 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by ARA (Applicant's Related art). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is allowable in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the first protective film is spaced apart from the transparent electrode in the first drain contact hole by the second protective film." The ARA does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and claims 2-5 and 8, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The Examiner asserted that, referring the Fig. 2 of the ARA, the first protective film 38 is spaced from the transparent electrode 5 (pixel electrode is also considered a transparent electrode) in the first drain contact hole [the first protective film 38 is spaced apart from the transparent electrode 5 by the layer 36]. However, according to the Fig. 2 of the ARA, the first protective film 38 is not spaced from the transparent electrode 5 in the first drain contact hole by the second protective film 40. Therefore, applicant respectfully submits, as amended, that the first protective film (corresponding to 38 of ARA) is apart from the transparent electrode (corresponding to 27 of ARA) in the first drain contact hole by the second protective film (corresponding to 40 of ARA) of claim 1 of the present application.

Claim 9 is allowable in that claim 9 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...wherein the first protective film is spaced apart from the transparent electrode in the first drain contact hole by the second protective film." The ARA does not teach or suggest at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that


claim 9 and claims 10-11 and 13-15, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references for the same reason as stated above with respect to claim 1.

Applicant believes this application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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